

## South India Delight 07 Days / 06 Nights



\* Ex - Bangalore

Mysore, Ooty & Kodaikanal

### [Day 1 : ARRIVE BENGALURU - ON TO MYSORE \(143 KMS / APPROX. 3 HOUR DRIVE\)](#)

Welcome to Bengaluru, the Silicon Valley of India. On arrival at the airport / railway station in Bengaluru, begin your '**South India Delight**' tour. Proceed on a drive to Mysore. En route, visit Srirangapatnam - the capital of Hyder Ali and his son Tipu Sulta. Arrive Mysore and check into your hotel. In the evening, visit the Brindavan Gardens. Overnight in Mysore - None (Meals on your own).

### [Day 2 : MYSORE](#)

This morning, proceed on an excursion to visit one of the best-preserved Hoysala temple at Somnathpur. The Hoysala temple is unique in its style and presentation. The temple is devoted to Prasanna Chennakeshava. The temple was constructed in the 12th-13th centuries by Hoysala rulers and their officials. It is lavishly adorned with sculpture. The sculptures probably cover each and every inch of the wall space. This particular style of intensely packed sculptural scheme is the characteristic exclusive to the Hoysala art. This was not copied by any other temple architecture in future.

In the afternoon, visit the famous Mysore Palace. Mysore Palace is one of the major attractions of Mysore. Built in Indo-Saracenic style the Palace is an abode of exquisite carvings and precious paintings from all over the world. The fort also has abstruse designed gateways with carved domes, minaret, archways and gallery. The royal Durbar Hall has a decorated ceiling and many chiseled pillars. Another attraction of the palace is the Wodeyars royal throne made of gold, embellished with precious stones and jewels. Overnight in Mysore (B)

### [Day 3: ON TO OOTY \(170 KMS / APPROX. 4 HOUR DRIVE\)](#)

Today, your picturesque journey continues into the blue Nilgiri Hills, past tea plantations to Ooty. En route visit the Chamunda Temple on the hill in the outskirts of Mysore. Chamundeshwari temple is

situated on the top of Chamundi hill which is about 3,489 ft. above sea level and located at a distance of 13 kms. from Mysore. The temple is dedicated to Sri Chamundeshwari, the titular deity of the Mysore Royal Family also described as 'Mahishasura Mardini' for having killed the buffalo headed demon Mahishasura. The temple has a very beautiful idol of the goddess wearing a garland of skulls. On arrival, check into your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Ooty (B)

#### [Day 4 : OOTY - EXCURSION TO COONOOR \(35 KMS / APPROX. 1 HOUR DRIVE\)](#)

This morning, enjoy a tour of the 'Queen of the Blue Mountains', that includes a visit to Dodabetta Peak for a spectacular view. The Dodabetta Peak stands at an altitude of 2,623 meters. It is the highest point in the district, making it possibly the best vantage point around Ooty. Later, drive to Coonoor and visit Sim's Park and Dolphin's Nose Point.

The Sim's Park is spread over an area of 12 hectares and is situated in Upper Coonoor. The park it is believed has more than 1000 plant species, including many flowering plants, pines, ferns and shrubs. If the name is not amusing enough for you, you can come down to the very Dolphin's nose and have a good time, enjoying games and an outdoor picnic.

The Dolphin's nose is a great vantage point that offers a panoramic view of the surrounding areas. In the afternoon visit the Botanical Garden and the popular Ooty Lake. Established in the year 1848 by the Marquis of Twedale, Government Botanical Garden offers great pleasure and entertainment for a visiting tourist. One of the rare specialties here is a 20-million-year-old fossilized tree. Enjoy a boat ride at Ooty lake (on your own arrangements). The rest of the day is at leisure Why not shop for exclusive Nilgiri products including Nilgiri tea, fruits, natural oils like Eucalyptus, Toda embroideries etc. Overnight in Ooty (B).

#### [Day 5 : ON TO KODAIKANAL \(260 KMS / APPROX. 6 AND HALF HOUR DRIVE\)](#)

Today, your picturesque journey continues through the Palani Hills to another scenic hill-station. The unique flowering plant 'Kurunji' (Strobilanthus Kunthanus) that last bloomed in 2004 is nature's gift to Kodaikanal. On arrival, check into your hotel. Overnight in Kodaikanal (B).

#### [Day 6 : KODAIKANAL](#)

Today, enjoy sightseeing tour of Kodaikanal visiting the Pillar Rocks, Coaker's Walk and the magnificent Bear Shola Falls. The Pillar rocks are three granite boulders which are seen standing vertically shoulder to shoulder and it is now a very famous tourist spot for many visitors.

The Bear Shola falls is another favorite tourist spot in Kodaikanal and it is called so, because in earlier days bears used to come and drink water from this fall.

Coaker's Walk provides very picturesque view of the plains as well as scenic valleys that is sure to bring a joy in the minds of the visitors. Coaker's walk is named after Lt. Coaker, who prepared the map of Kodaikanal. In the afternoon, spend some time in Bryant Park, a British forest officer by the name Bryant was the one who landscaped this park in the year 1980 and hence it is named after him. Bryant Park,

seen on the lake's eastern side, is a botanical park. A glasshouse in the park contains wide varieties of flowers, ferns and other ornamental plants. Overnight in Kodaikanal (B).

Day 7 : DEPART COIMBATORE

Today, bid farewell to your '**South India Delight**' tour as you are transferred to airport / railway station in Coimbatore for your onward journey.(B)